



# Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Baltimore District

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**Subject:** Request for comments concerning the Maryland State Programmatic General Permit (MDSPGP) February 08, 2006 – February 28, 2006

The Maryland State Programmatic General Permit-2 (MDSPGP-2) is due to expire on September 30, 2006. The Baltimore District Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the Environment are considering options for the development of a new MDSPGP before this expiration date. As with all general permits, the MDSPGP is applicable only to activities that comply with the terms and conditions of the permit and those that have no more than minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the environment. We are soliciting comments regarding operational procedures and issues relating to the use of programmatic general permits in Maryland from interested persons and organizations as the Corps considers the future of programmatic general permits in the State.

The purpose of the MDSPGP-2 is:

- To better protect the aquatic resources of the State of Maryland within the Baltimore District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulatory boundaries;
- To reduce administrative burden of the program for both the Corps of Engineers and the State of Maryland through interagency cooperation;
- To improve regulatory response time;
- To add predictability within the specified limits to the permit program for the potential applicant and the general public.

Please provide your comments to the following questions:

1. Is the MDSPGP-2 operating and working the way you thought it would? Why or why not?
2. What are the positive aspects of the MDSPGP-2?
3. What are the negative aspects of the MDSPGP-2?
4. What changes and modifications would you recommend?
5. Are there specific elements (i.e. activity scope, procedures, etc.) of the MDSPGP-2 that should be maintained in a new MDSPGP-3?
6. What is the basis of your experience with the MDSPGP-2 (i.e. – individual property owner/applicant, public interest group, regulatory agency, etc.)?

We request any comments be submitted by e-mail or U.S. mail no later than February 28, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Beth Bachur, of this office at (410) 962-4336.

FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER: COLONEL ROBERT J. DAVIS

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Janet M. Vine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

JANET M. VINE  
CHIEF, REGULATORY BRANCH